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TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

THE PEACE QUESTION.

Opinion on the German Note.

January 13, 12.05 p.m.

The newspapers consider that the German Note only strengthens the good impressions made by the Entente's reply to President Wilson.

Consideration of Allies' Reply.

January 13, 12.05 p.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Washington, the Entente's reply has been discussed by the Cabinet.

Mr. Lansing afterwards conferred with President Wilson on the question.

It is understood that the President greatly appreciates the kindness, frankness and courtesy of the Note. He still hopes that the Central Powers will indicate their terms.

It is reported in diplomatic circles that the Germans are disappointed at the uncompromising tone of the Allies, as they expected concessions.

The New York Times says the German Note to neutrals is another diplomatic blunder, and was obviously timed for contemporaneous presentation with the Allies' reply, the effect of which has been heightened by the inept and extravagant German assertions.

THE EAST AFRICAN CAMPAIGN.

Good Work by Armoured Cars.

January 14, 1.25 p.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent in East Africa, light armoured cars came in contact with the enemy on January 3, and, though plastered with machine-gun bullets, did great execution. They silenced the enemy's fire, but were eventually forced to retire, owing to a wrecked radiator and boiling in the tanks. There were no casualties amongst the crews.

ITALIAN NAVAL SUCCESSES.

Austrian Submarines Captured.

January 14, 1.45 p.m.

An Italian naval communique says:—Two Austrian submarines have been captured, one of which has been incorporated in the Italian Navy.

Italian and French aeroplanes raided Pola on January 12 and bombed the Austrian fleet. They drove off enemy aeroplanes and returned safely.

Enemy aeroplanes unsuccessfully bombed Italian torpedo boats.

THE RUSSIAN NORTHERN FRONT.

Dense German Attack Repulsed.

January 14, 8.30 p.m.

A wireless Russian official message says:—We repulsed a German dense attack south of Babit Lake.

A German Claim.

January 14, 4.25 p.m.

A German official message, sent by wireless, states:—German grenadiers entered a Russian position several points to the north of Goldenbystriks, inflicting severe losses.

THE STRUGGLE IN RUMANIA.

Enemy Attack on Russians.

January 14, 8.30 p.m.

A wireless Russian official message says:—The enemy attacked from Kotami Khali, on the Serech front, as far as Vedeni. We abandoned Kotami Khali.

General Mackensen Hindered.

January 14, 4.25 p.m.

A German official message, sent by wireless, states:—We stormed and captured a summit to the south of the Olteu road.

Unfavourable weather has restricted General von Mackensen. We repulsed an advance on the Serech, to the north-west of Braila.

Hostile attacks between Vardar and Lake Doiran were unsuccessful.

A German Capture.

January 14, 10.45 p.m.

A wireless German official message says:—We have captured Vadeni, on the Braila Galatz Railway.

TWO NEW V.C.'S.

January 14, 12.45 p.m.

The Gazette announces that the Victoria Crosses have been awarded to the following:—

Private John Cunningham, of the East Yorks Regiment. When the rest of his bombing section were all wounded, he collected bombs and, proceeding alone, returned for a fresh supply. He advanced again and met and killed ten Germans. He cleared the trench.

Private David Ross Lander, of the South Wales Borderers. He placed his foot on a fallen bomb. His foot was blown off, and his bombing party was saved.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

THE GREEK CRISIS.

British Colony Arrives in England.

January 14, 12.45 p.m.

The British colony at Athens has arrived in England after being one month on board ship in the Piræus. They estimate that the Greeks, though suffering from the blockade, have good for three months, the surplus of the harvest being hidden in caves.

German High Officer Arrives.

January 14, 1.25 p.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Salonica, the arrival is reported at Athens of Major von Falkenhause, former Military Attaché of the German Legation in Athens. He is doubtless bringing a message from the Kaiser, and has travelled via Southern Albania and Janina.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

January 14, 4.00 p.m.

A French communique says:—There is some artillery activity to the south of the Somme and on the right bank of the Meuse.

January 14, 11.25 p.m.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—We drove off a raid to the north-west of Guedecourt and carried out successful patrol enterprises at Neuve Chapelle and Armentieres.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on an Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

LARGE ALLIED MAIL LOST.

Stockholm, January 14.

The Swedish steamer Ingeborg from England arrived at Gothenburg, and reported that she had been stopped in the North Sea by a German submarine, which ordered that the 700 sacks of mail destined for Allied countries should be thrown into the sea, otherwise they threatened to take the Ingeborg to Germany.

WAR INVESTMENTS.

The Hongkong and South China War Savings Association.

The above association has now been formed with the following officers:—

Committee:—The Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K. O., the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, the Hon. Mr. C. E. Anton, Messrs. Montague Ede, G. T. Edkins and N. J. Stabb.

Honorary Secretaries and Treasurers:—The Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.

Honorary Auditors:—Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, Bankers, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

The rules are as follows:—

1. The name of the Association shall be the Hongkong and South China War Savings Association.

2. The object of the Association is to obtain subscriptions from residents in Hongkong and South China for the purpose of investing them in securities bearing interest at not less than 5 per cent, and issued or guaranteed by the Government of the United Kingdom or of any British Colony or of the Federated Malay States for financing the war.

Every subscriber to the funds of the Association shall be paid a share thereof to thereby become a member of the Association. The Association will also be prepared to receive applications for British Government War-Saving Certificates and to purchase such certificates for applicants.

3. The funds of the Association shall be administered by Trustees, hereinafter called "the Committee." The Committee shall consist of not less than three nor more than six members, whose decision on all matters connected with the Rules and the interpretation thereof shall be final. The Committee shall have power to fill any vacancy in its number from the general body of members, and to make such by-

laws as may be necessary for the convenient transaction of the affairs of the Association.

4. The monthly subscription of members shall be \$5 or any multiple of \$5, and may be increased or decreased above or below such multiple (so long as the amount subscribed is \$5 or a multiple thereof), at their convenience. But no person shall cease to be a member, nor in any way lose his rights in respect of the amount or amounts subscribed by him, by reason of the fact that in any month or months he shall not have subscribed.

5. Subscriptions may be paid at any time to the Honorary Treasurers; and during the first week of each month the aggregate subscribed during the preceding month shall be converted into sterling, and shall be invested by the Honorary Treasurers in accordance with the object of the Association as set forth in Rule 2.

6. The interest earned on the investments of the Association shall be invested in the same manner as provided by Rule 5, and shall be credited to the accounts of individual members as subscriptions by them to the funds of the Association. But any member may, at the time of sending his first subscription, give notice to the Honorary Treasurers that, whenever they receive interest, he desires to be paid any share thereof to which he is entitled; in which case he shall be paid his share of such interest as soon as practicable after its receipt by the Honorary Treasurers.

7. So soon as practicable after the close of the war but not before the year 1920 the invested funds will be realised and shall be divided among the members in the proportion which the amounts at the credit of their accounts respectively bear to the sum available for distribution.

8. The Honorary Treasurers shall keep accounts of all subscriptions paid, and shall furnish each member, upon his applying for the same, with a Pass Book, in which shall be entered the

amount, or several amounts, subscribed by such member, and the equivalent thereof in sterling into which such amount or amounts have been converted. But no member shall be entitled to require such entries to be made at shorter intervals than once in each month.

9. Any member who desires to transfer his share in the funds of the Association shall be entitled to a certificate from the Committee stating the total amount in sterling to the credit of his account, which certificate shall be signed by two members of the Committee and countersigned by the General Manager, or other representative for the time being in Hongkong, of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd. Such certificate shall be transferable by endorsement in writing signed by both transferor and transferee, but no transfer shall be recognised by the Association until such transfer has been registered in its books. (N.B.—This certificate will be negotiable in the same way as a War Bond.)

10. In the event of the death of a member a similar certificate shall be issued to his legal personal representative.

11. A fee of \$5 shall be charged for the certificate referred to in Rules 9 and 10; and such fees shall form part of the funds of the Association, to be invested and ultimately divided among the members as aforesaid.

12. Each member shall be given a distinctive number which shall be used by the Honorary Treasurers when acknowledging the receipt of subscriptions through the Press, and which shall be inserted in any Pass Book issued to a member.

13. The accounts of the Association shall be compiled as on the 31st December in each year, and shall be certified by the Honorary Auditors, and published in the Press for the information of members.

14. No deduction whatever shall be made from the funds of the Association in respect of the working expenses.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

A RUSSIAN OFFICIAL REPORT.

Rumanians Throw Back the Enemy.

London, January 13.

A Russian official report, received by wireless, says:—An enemy attack in dense formation at Kilenec was beaten back.

An enemy aerial squadron bombed the station and town of Radzivilov.

Our aeroplanes machine-gunned at a height of 5,500 ft. a battery near Krukhor, twenty versts east of Zolotchev.

The enemy pressed back detachments from a height northwards of the Sloniki River.

The Rumanians attacked westward of the Monestirka-Kachinul line, threw back the enemy, and succeeded in occupying their trenches and capturing three machine-guns.

Reported Turkish Gain.

London, January 13.

A German official report, received by wireless, says:—We further progressed northward of the Slavic Valley, taking prisoners.

Strong enemy attacks in the Mitro Valley were fruitless. The enemy lost heavily.

The Turks stormed Misalea, northward of Braila, taking prisoner 400 of the garrison. The remainder were drowned in the Serech.

THE RUSSIAN SUCCESS.

A General's Recognition.

Petrograd, January 14.

General Dmitrieff, in an order to the troops participating in the successful offensive on the Riga front, says:—Snow and frost made impassable the marshes, but did not check your ardour. After long hand to hand fighting, you pierced the marshes and fortifications, which the enemy had been constructing for fifteen months, and, despite the fire of hundreds of machine guns, you cleared a passage in awe-inspiring silence with the bayonet, thus economising thousands of shells. I salute you humbly and thank you for a fine New Year's gift to Russia.

General Dmitrieff recapitulates the fact that the booty included 30 guns, 50,000 uniforms, 15,000 rifles, 20 kitchens, and 10,000 bottles of brandy.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. E. O. Jenkins, D. S. P. (Reserve), date:—

Musketry Course, 1917. Part I.

The names, with their respective scores, of the 38 men who on Sunday, January 14, qualified to fire Part II, are posted at Headquarters' Club. The six highest scores (out of a possible 75) were:—

1 Trooper 734 Hodge... 71
2 A. S. P. Franks... 70
3 Trooper 735 Connor... 68
4 Maxam Gunner 734 Edwards... 67
5 Trooper 741 Belphs and P. C. 700 Abbas... 65
6 P. C. 815 Mehal and P. C. 724 Ferox Ali... 64

No. 2 Company—All recruits and all members who did not fire, or failed to pass, Part II of the 1916 Course, are provisionally warned to attend the Range on Sunday next, January 21. Further details will be published.

Police School.

Class IV. Mr. T. H. King, A.S.P., reports the following result of his Examination:—Passed with Credit, Crown Sergeant Matthew Wong and Sergeant 37 Sang U Kwan. Passed, Crown Sergeant Chow U Ting and Chan Sig U, Sergeants 187 Lo Han Ying, 104 Wong Tai Kow, 79 J. B. Law, 70 Yuen Kwok Ian and 28 A. S. Chan.

No. 1 Company.

All ranks except recruits will parade, without rifles, under the O. O. Company at Central Station at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, January 19.

Band Practice.

Monday, January 15, and Thursday, January 18, at 6 p.m.

Parades.

Tuesday, January 16.—Maxim gunners.
Wednesday, January 17.—All recruits, for inspection.

PUBLICATION RECEIVED.

"The Police Reserve Gazette."

We have received from the publishers, Messrs. Noronha and Co., the second number of the Police Reserve Gazette. The new issue constitutes a fulfilment of its editor's promise of last month: that the number would be an improvement on its predecessor. There can be no doubt that the new magazine has "caught on", and we hear that the subscription list is growing daily. It is essentially a magazine for men, and thus it is not surprising to find that its circulation is by no means confined to Police Reservists. Seeing that it is remarkably well got up and is being sold at as low a price as twenty cents monthly, it will be very surprising if the Gazette does not, in the course of the next two or three months, reach a circulation that is a record for Hongkong. It is published, by the way, on the 15th of every month.

The number under consideration is packed with good stuff—most of it of a light nature which will afford a lot of fun to all classes of readers. On the less light side are the editorial notes, which are eminently practical and interesting; a great deal of matter concerning the various activities of the Police Reserve; two good papers on, respectively, the recent Biale, organised by the E. K. R. P. and the Billiard Handicap; "An Excursion"—a combination of character study and adventure story. Some letters from the front by Lieut. Woodhouse; and, most important of all, an excellent paper on the small pox epidemic, by the Surgeon Superintendent of the corps: Dr. Jensen, in which some very plain truths are told. In the purely comedy line there are two good sets of verses: "O Si Sic Omnia!" and "Advice," and a number of useful hints, the best of which are "Comments on the Police Code," "P. O. Pottifer," "They Say" and "Why Not Smoking Opium?" It should be added that an excellent photograph of the E. K. R. P. Ambulance men at vaccination work is reproduced in the issue.

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Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
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Ireland's Prosperity.

The war has brought considerable prosperity to Ireland. In the three years before the war the average yearly export of agricultural produce from Ireland to this country, says the *Gloucester Weekly Herald*, amounted to £25,000,000. In 1914 it rose to £33,000,000 and in 1915 to £38,000,000. On the basis of the first six months of the current year a further increase of £12,000,000 should be recorded. In addition the prices for Irish live stock have steadily risen. In spite of what Mr. W. M. Williams calls "unexampled prosperity," Ireland, however, has a disappointing outlook.

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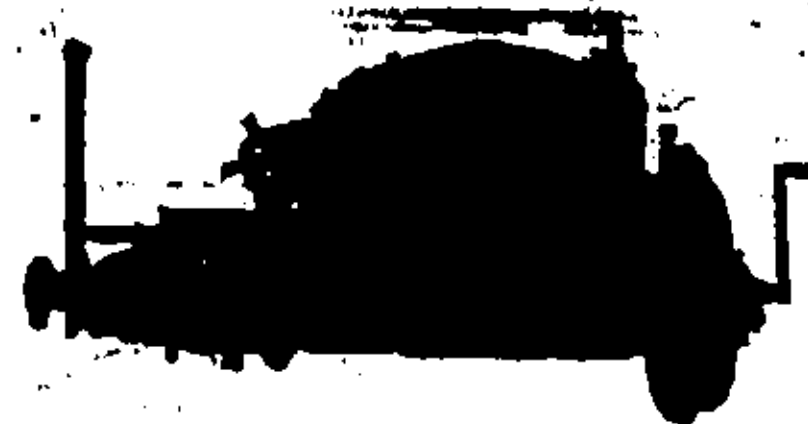
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GENERAL NEWS.

Loans of the Bank of Japan.
Kobe, Jan. 2.—Owing to an
active demand for funds for the
year-end settlements, loans of the
Bank of Japan increased con-
siderably on Wednesday and
Thursday last. The amount of
loans reached ¥14,770,000, on
Thursday, morning, a gain of
¥12,150,000 as compared with
the previous day. It was expected
that the amount would reach
¥200,000,000 before the year
closed.

Forthcoming Canton Conference.
Our readers are reminded that
the China Medical Missionary
Society and the National Medical
Association of China will hold a
joint conference in Canton, from
January 21 to 27, and the local
committees, led by Dr. Holt A.
Obeng and others, are preparing
to entertain the delegates, who
are expected not only from the
different parts of China, but also
from the Philippine Islands and
the Straits Settlements.

The Japanese Legation
at Bangkok.
Mr. Seiichi Takahashi has now
been appointed second Secretary
of Legation and Consul of the
Japanese Legation in Bangkok
and is expected there soon from
Kobe. Mr. Takahashi is a grad-
uate of the Tokyo Imperial Uni-
versity, and has been in the
diplomatic service since 1906. He
has been attached to the Japanese
Consulate General at San Fran-
cisco, Secretary of Embassy at
Washington, and since 1911, the
Consul at Seattle, U.S.A., until
he received this appointment.

India's Indigo Crop.
Indigo continues in good de-
mand, and, judging from the first
forecast for 1916-17, India should
be well equipped to respond to
inquiries. The Department of
Statistics reports that the total
area sown is estimated at 825,900
acres, that as compared with
the final figures of last year
the present estimates show
an advance of 90 per cent., and
that the estimated yield for the
whole country is 75,200 cwt.,
against 88,608 cwt. last year.
It is understood that with the
assistance of experts, a method of
preparation is now being tried
which will enable the Indian dye
to maintain the low level of price
essential to successful competi-
tion with the synthetic product.

Tinned Provisions in the Straits.
Approximately 6,570,000
worth of dried and salted fish was
imported into the Straits Settle-
ments during 1915, and, accord-
ing to the United States Consul,
Mr. Harry Campbell, a large
demand exists, especially in the
Singapore district, for canned
provisions and fruits of all kinds.
There is a fair market for dried
and preserved fruits, the imports
for 1914 and 1915 amounting to
£250,480 and £278,760 respec-
tively, of which only £21,721
and £22,155 worth came
from the United States. However,
the Government statistics show
£180,780 and £237,780 imported
from Hongkong, of which no
doubt considerable quantity
originated in the United States,
being transhipped or re-exported
from Hongkong from supplies from the
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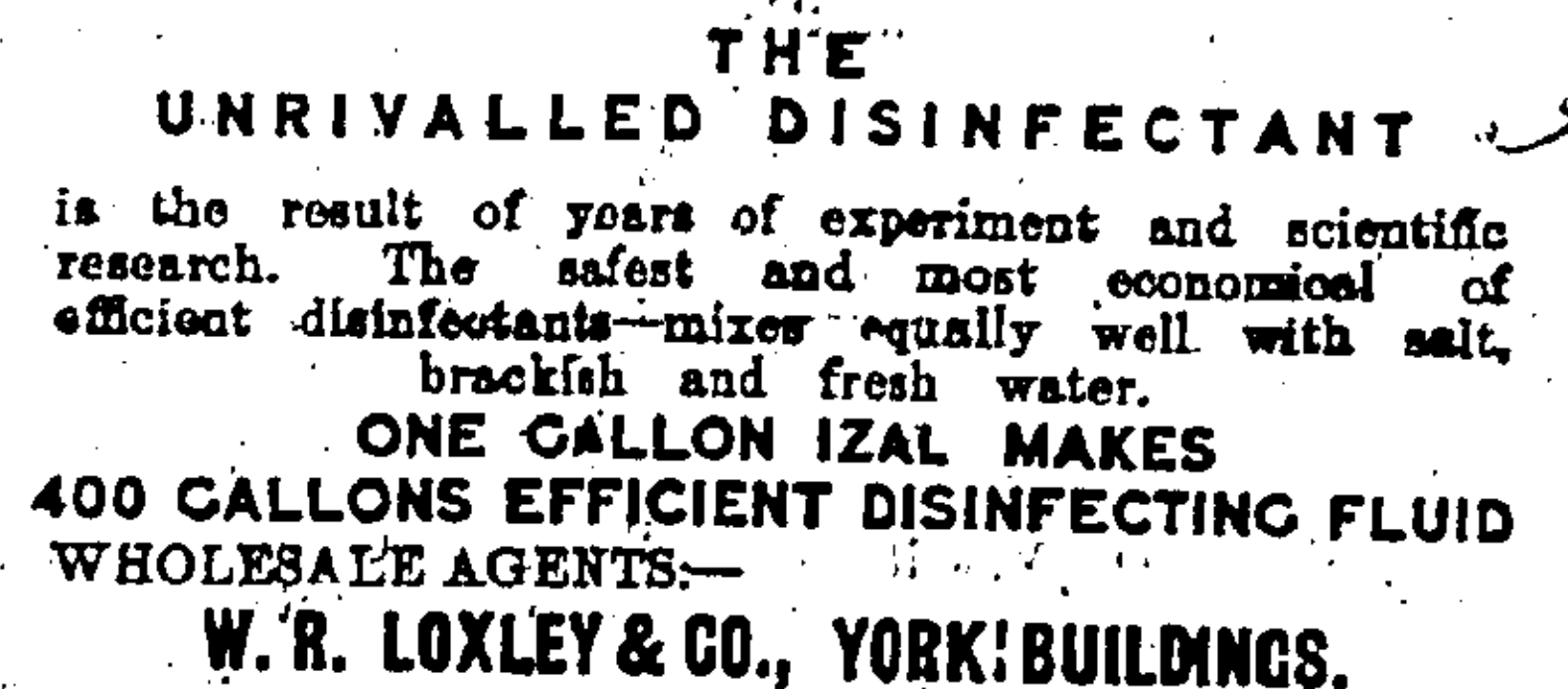
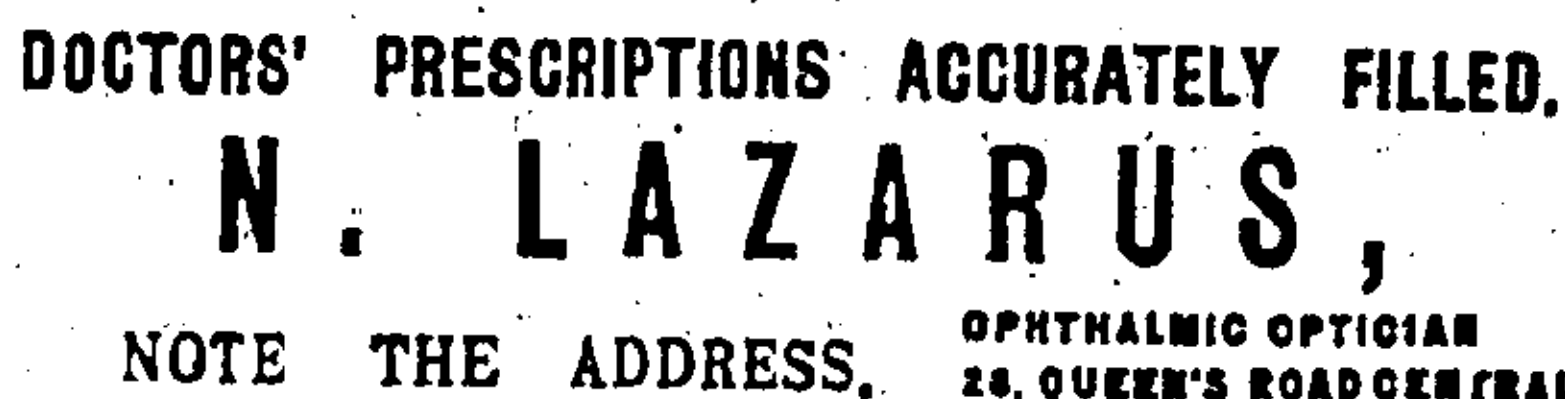
Funeral Tributes to the Late
Prince Oyama.
An interesting ceremony took
place at the residence of the late
Field-Marshal Prince Oyama, on
the morning of December 29,
when a beautiful wreath made of
white flowers with white ribbons
and bearing an inscription ex-
pressing the respect of the
valiant Japanese Army,
which, having fought once against
the Russians, has become now an
ally, was presented to the family
with a request that it might be
deposited on the tomb of the
deceased, in the name of the
Russian Army. The wreath was
handed to the family by a depu-
tation consisting of Colonel Yabou-
tsov, who recently arrived to take
up the post of Military Attaché at
the Russian Embassy, Colonel
Mori, who had been previously
sent to the Japanese Embassy,
and Colonel Kuroki, who had
been sent to the Russian Embassy
at St. Petersburg.

NOTICES

More Pay for Tommy.
With the resolution, passed unanimously at a recent meeting in Glasgow of the Dumbartonshire Unionist Association, to increase the pay of private soldiers by one and sixpence a day "we confess ourselves in hearty sympathy. We are not unmindful of the fact that these are times when any considerable addition to the financial burden of the country ought to be closely scrutinised. But in view of the substantial sums paid to other war workers, particularly those engaged in the manufacture of munitions, the disproportionate pay is glaring. Half-a-crown a day, in addition to his rations, clothing, and the accommodation that war too often provides, would not be extravagant remuneration for fighting the battles of the taxpayer, and we believe that individual, his present responsibilities notwithstanding, would cheerfully assent to the increase."—*Globe*.

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Dated this 11th day of January, 1917.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the **TWENTY-NINTH**
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SHAREHOLDERS in this Com-
pany will be held at the Offices
of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson &
Company, Limited, on **MONDAY**
29th January, 1917, at Noon, for
the purpose of receiving the
Report of the Directors together
with the Statement of Accounts
for the year ending 31st Decem-
ber, 1916.

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of the Company will be **CLOSED**
from **THURSDAY, 18th to**
MONDAY, 29th January, 1917,
(both days inclusive), during
which period no Transfer of
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By Order of the Board of
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A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary,
Hongkong, 11th January, 1917.

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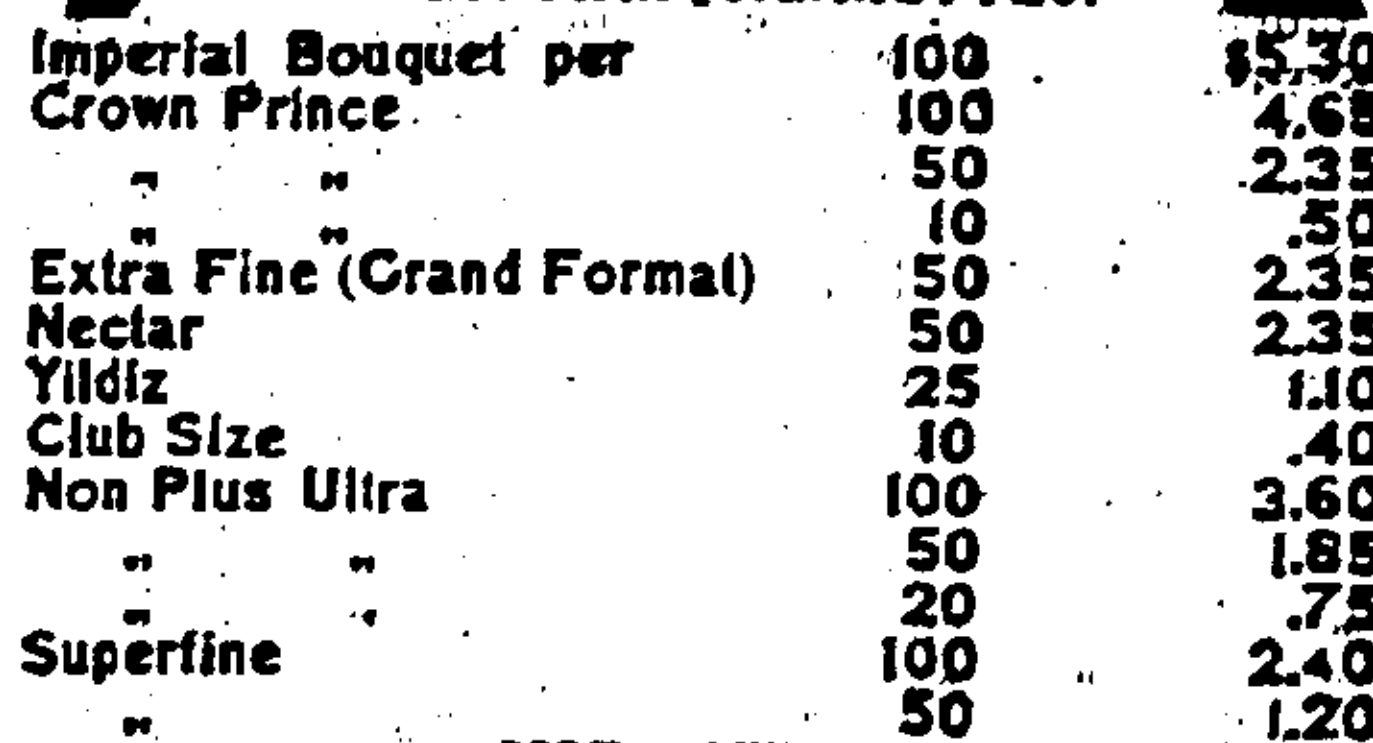
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HONGKONG, MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 1917.

THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH.

We have again reached that season of the year in which Hongkong's educational institutions are marking the end of another twelve months' labour by the holding of prize-days. Already quite a number of the schools have held these celebrations, and during the coming week others will follow suit. These occasions have a value, apart from the opportunity they provide for teachers and scholars to see in what respect they have failed to make the most of the openings presented to them or for taking note of the directions in which success has been attained. First and foremost, they give to parents, and to the public generally, the means of judging the Colony's educational methods, as shown in the results achieved. In that way, a fair idea can be obtained as to whether the Colony is securing value for the money which it spends on the education of youth. During the course of the school year it is scarcely possible to formulate any clear-cut decision on these points, but, at the end of the twelve months, a halt is called, and one can look back on what has been accomplished and, in a general way, take stock of the situation.

On Saturday, three local schools held their prize distributions, and, as two of these are largely concerned with the instruction of Chinese scholars, we were glad to notice that, in both cases, special stress was laid, both in the Headmasters' reports and in the speeches delivered, on the better teaching of English. In the case of the Elsie Kadourie School, it was very satisfactory to see that during the past year attention has been chiefly directed towards colloquial English, with the result that the scholars' general knowledge of English has advanced; while we can also note with pleasure that, at the Saiyungpun School, an English-Speaking Association has been formed, the members of which are required to refrain from speaking in the vernacular during school hours. These are steps in the right direction, for it is notorious that, in the past, youths have been turned out of Hongkong schools and colleges, taking with them almost more certificates and awards than they have known how to carry, and being yet unable correctly to construct the most simple sentence in English, whether in writing or in the spoken word. There is scarcely a business house in Hongkong which could not testify to that fact. As to the reason for this deplorable state of affairs, there cannot be two opinions that the inclusion of too many subjects in the school curriculum has been a big factor. Students have been expected to make themselves familiar with a dozen and one lines of learning, many of them quite unessential, with the result that they have had a useless smattering of all and a complete mastery of none. That point was profitably pressed home by Mr. Ho Kom-tong, in his address to the scholars at the Saiyungpun School.

We realize, of course, that the task of teachers in schools where the majority of the students are Chinese is no easy one. It may be possible, as in the case of the institutions mentioned above, to evolve schemes whereby students are encouraged to use the English tongue during school hours, but the fact remains that, once away from the influence of their tutors, these youths have no occasion to speak in any other than the vernacular. Nevertheless, though it may be impossible to overcome this difficulty in its entirety, except where the students are boarders, it is a duty which the educational authorities owe to scholars and teachers alike to assist them by simplifying, rather than complicating, the curriculum. Year in and year out, the *Telegraph* has pressed on the Government the crying need of more thorough-going instruction in the fundamentals of education. We can, therefore, welcome with deep satisfaction the announcement by the Hon. Mr. Severn, at the Elsie Kadourie School, that a special effort is now being made to see that a knowledge of English—a proper knowledge both of the written and spoken language—is placed within the reach of students in all the schools in the Colony. As to the lines to be followed in attaining that object, nothing was said, but it is something, at any rate, to feel that the authorities have at last come to see that their mode is capable of improvement in this direction.

War Savings Association.
Most heartily we welcome the consummation of a long-advocated proposal by the formation of a War Savings Association. The Association is one which should be able to draw upon all classes for membership, inasmuch as it will act as a most useful medium in assisting all who desire to invest savings in war securities, by relieving them of the arrangement of the many little details which are necessarily involved in such transactions. We have not the least doubt that many people who are perfectly willing to take up war securities have hesitated to do so, merely because they have been ignorant of the methods of procedure, or have not had the time to look thoroughly into the matter. These excuses will no longer hold good, for all that a subscriber now has to do is to forward his money, in five-dollar, or multiples thereof, and the Association does the rest, down to the payment of interest when it falls due. We commend a study of the Association's rules to the general public, and would lay emphasis on the fact that no deduction whatever is made in respect of the working expenses of the organization. The Colony owes a distinct debt of gratitude to those business men and firms who have assumed official duty in connection with the movement.

Dumping and Cremation.
In connection with some remarks which we made in this column on Saturday about the insufficiency of the punishment inflicted here for the dumping of dead bodies, an old Hongkong hand has offered a quite useful suggestion. He asks: "Why does not the Government cause it to be announced that, in future, all dumped bodies will be burned? This would stop the dumping in a couple of days." Those of our readers who have any conception of the horror with which most of the Chinese regard the cremation of their relatives, will at once recognize the value of this idea. Of course it is quite a mistake to suppose that the dumpers lose track of a body which they have deposited. They know the mortuary to which it is taken, and so far as we can understand, they usually have a tolerably shrewd idea as to where the corpse is buried. Thus they are able to carry out their ordinary funeral observances over the departed without having to meet material expenses. If it were made known that, in future, all such bodies would be burnt, there can be little doubt that the dumpers would soon be brought to a better mind.

Chinese Politeness.
We have to congratulate Mr. Ho Kom-tong on having given the youth of Hongkong a most valuable hint in a speech on Saturday. "Speaking generally, I find the present day young men sadly lacking in manners, and in proper respect for their elders," said Mr. Ho; and unfortunately there are all too many persons in this colony who can fully corroborate the statement. China and Japan, with their system of ancestor-worship, have been, in the past, the most respectful to their elders of any races on earth, and even to-day there are few Chinese of the older generation who cannot give the European sundry points where natural courtesy is concerned. But the younger generation of English-speaking Chinese seem to be very decidedly under the impression that good manners and liberty cannot co-exist. To these we would recommend Mr. Ho Kom-tong's happy illustration of the unfeeling courtesy that characterizes the people of the great republic in the world: France to wit. Of course much of the abruptness of speech noticeable to-day in the Chinese clerk or office boy is due to the masters in some of the schools here, who seem to have made no attempt to teach civility and respect into them during their school days. In other cases, employers themselves are to blame for not insisting on these young men's comporting themselves in a becoming manner when speaking to a superior. If the Chinese of the Straits and the Dutch possessions can be persuaded to refrain from "giving cheek" to their own elders and to Europeans, it should not be impossible to persuade those of Hongkong to do likewise.

DAY BY DAY.

A SUNNY TEMPER GILDS THE EDGES OF LIFE'S BLACKEST CLOUD.

The Dollar.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 2½d.

To-morrow's Anniversary.

To-morrow is the 108th anniversary of the battle of Corunna.

For the Troops.

We desire to acknowledge, with thanks, a parcel of literature for the troops, from Mr. Newall.

Freemasonry.

The meeting of the Perseverance Lodge of Hongkong which was called for 5.15 p.m. to-morrow has been postponed until 9 p.m. on that date.

Snatching.

A man was to-day charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne with snatching a gold bangle from a woman in Aberdeen Street. He was sentenced to three months' hard labour and four hours' stock.

Stole Chief Officer's Coat.

For stealing a coat, the property of Mr. Wright, Chief Officer of the s.s. Haiphong, a Chinese was sentenced by Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Magistracy this morning, to the three weeks' hard labour and four hours' stock.

Billiards.

In connection with the Palace Hotel billiards handicap, Mr. Simpson last night defeated Mr. Beattie by 250 to 154. To-night there will be a match between Mr. J. Parkes (over 250) and Mr. H. Linfield (under 40). Mr. Parkes was the winner of the last handicap. The game begins at 9 o'clock.

Hongkong L.L.D. for Straits Chinese.

There was a unique function in Kuala Lumpur the other day, when Sir Charles Elliot, vice-chancellor of Hongkong University, invested Tokay Loke Yew, C.M.G., with Honorary degree of L.L.D. Both Sir Charles and Sir Edward Broekman paid a tribute to the Tokay's interest in education.

"Musical Appreciation."

Mr. Denman Fuller will give the second of his lectures on "Musical Appreciation" at the Helena May Institute at 5.30 p.m. to-day. All are invited to attend. A collection will be made in aid of the Fund for Blind Sailors and Sailors. Mr. Fuller will deal with the following compositions:—"Ballet dans l'eau," by Debussy (Modern French), "Au Concert," by Borodin (Modern Russian), "Billade," by York Bowen (Modern British).

Piano Recital.

By kind permission of His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Denman Fuller will give a piano recital at Government House on Monday, February 5, at 9.15 p.m. Tickets, \$3, are obtainable from Anderson Music and Robinson Piano Companies. The proceeds of sale of tickets will be given to the Hongkong Association of Women War Workers, and of the sale of programmes to the Scottish Women's Hospitals Fund. Mr. Denman Fuller will be assisted by Mrs. Galloway (vocals) and Mrs. Balan (violinist). Refreshments will be provided by His Excellency in the supper room after the recital.

The Bijou Attraction.

Dr. Rowe and Mystic Mora have been a great attraction at the Bijou Theatre. At the last four performances the management had to stop the sale of tickets at the box office, so large was the measure of patronage extended. Owing to the great success of these two artists, their season has been prolonged for another night. Residents of Canton will have an opportunity of seeing these popular performers on Wednesday night, in accordance with an arrangement made some considerable time ago. It is the falling due of this engagement which has necessitated a short season at the Bijou, but it is probable that Dr. Rowe and Mora will be seen here again after the return from Canton. To-night concludes the present season, and patrons are advised to be in their seats in good time.

LOCAL SPORT.

CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. v. K.C.C.

These old rivals met on the Hongkong ground on Saturday afternoon. Kowloon first went to the wicket and came exceptionally fine batting was seen right at the outset. Before the first wicket fell, 61 runs had been compiled, J. V. Braga and A. O. Brown making 35 and 22 respectively. The display of the afternoon was given when B. D. Evans and L. E. H. Gray came together, no fewer than 297 runs having been scored before the third wicket fell. In his total of 76, Evans hit fourteen fours, whilst the display of Gray, who knocked up 53, was of a high order. When five wickets were down, Kowloon's total was 227 and on this they declared. Hongkong also found the wicket to their liking such good scores as 48 by de Rome, 33 by Taylor, 31 by Aubrey and 23 not out by E. Kennedy being compiled. Owing to falling light play had to be closed when Hongkong had scored 177 for seven wickets.

The scores were—

Kowloon.			
J. V. Braga, Taylor	35		
A. O. Brown, b Taylor	29		
B. D. Evans, st. Sutton, b Taylor	76		
L. E. H. Gray, s de Rome, b Mass	53		
J. P. Robinson, did not bat			
F. W. Wood, c de Rome, b Taylor	5		
W. H. Stapleton, not out	9		
K. McLennan, E. J. Edwards, W. T. Elson and W. Key, did not bat			
Extras	15		
Total (for 5 wks. dec.)	227		

Bowling.			
T. E. Pearce	9	0	41
E. J. de Rome	2	0	15
H. H. Taylor	11	2	0
M. M. Mass	8	0	56
Lt. Col. Morgan	3	0	38

Hongkong.

T. E. Pearce, c Edwards, b Kay	7
E. J. R. Mitchell, c Bragg, b Kay	8
F. J. de Rome, b Gray	48
F. D. Biesker, b Kay	1
H. H. Taylor, c Brown, b McLennan	33
M. M. Mass, c Edwards, b Gray	13
G. E. Aubrey, b Kay	31
R. Kennedy, not out	23
Lt. Col. Morgan, F. Sutton, and F. W. S. Evans, did not bat	
Extras	13
Total (for 7 wks. dec.)	177

Bowling.

O.	M.	R.	W.
W. Key	13.5	3	33
J. V. Braga	8	1	51
F. W. Wood	4	1	12
B. D. Evans	5	0	24
Lt. E. H. Gray	7	2	22
K. McLennan	3	0	11
J. P. Robinson	2	0	11

K.C.C. and XI v. Military XI.
This match was played at Kowloon on Saturday, the scores being—

Military XI.			
Lieut. Baker, b Overy	13		
Sergt. McGregor, c b Rouse	57		
Bdr. Dix, c Mackenzie, b Weaver	5		
Cpl. Smith, c Weaver, b Schulz	38		
Gnr. Page, c and b Rouse	1		
Bdr. Veal, b.w., b Rouse	13		
Sergt. Rice, not out	12		
Extras	13		
Total (6 wks.)	152		

Bowling.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Overy	10	—	48
Weaver	8	—	40
Blackburn	3	—	5
Raven	2	—	8
Schulz	4	—	10
Rouse	3	—	18

K.C.C.

H. S. Rouse, b McGregor	31
O. J. Stapleton, b Baker	0
J. H. Mead, b Smith	24
W. L. Weaver, c McGregor, b Baker	19
L. J. Blackburn, c Taylor, b Baker	35
D. J. Mackenzie, b Baker	4
A. L. F. Raven, c Baker, b Smith	12

The above match was played on the O.R.O. ground at Causeway Bay on Saturday and resulted in a win for the home team. The scores were as follows:

Bowling.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Peatonji	9	2	20
Southerton	8.1	3	19

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H. Overy, c McGregor, b Baker

A. E. Schaefer, not out	11
J. Ralston, c McGregor, b Smith	3
F. Travels, not out	0
Extras	8
Total	160

Bowling.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Baker	12	1	55
Smith	10	0	64
McGregor	4	0	23
Rice	3	0	10

Civil Service v. University.
Played on the ground of the Civil Service, resulting in a win for the home team after a most enjoyable game by 12 runs.

Hamilton, for the winners, took 9 wickets for 27 runs and posted the "bat trial." Scores:—

Civil Service.

Hon. Mr. O. Severn (Capt.), b Dixon	9
E. W. Hamilton, c Dixon, b Brayshaw	20
P. T. Lumble, c Brayshaw, b Dixon	2
E. E. Bird, b Brayshaw	7
S. E. Alderman, b Brayshaw	11
E. W. Dawson, b Brayshaw	4
C. J. Tocchi, c Hall, b Dixon	21
C. Sara, b Brayshaw	1
F. Bacon, b Brayshaw	10
H. Edwards, not out	3
S. Deakin, b Dixon	0
Extras	6
Total	94

Bowling.

O.	M.	R.	W.
K. Brayshaw	17	4	5
D. Dixon	11	2	4
G. E. Marley	5	1	1

University.

R. Ponsonby Fane, b Hamilton	4
J. W. Wright, c and b Hamilton	44
K. Brayshaw, b Hamilton	34
G. E. Marley, b Hamilton	3
A. de Souza, not out	4
A. H. Ramjahn, c Sara, b Severn	2
W. Gittins, b Hamilton	0
W. Hall, b Hamilton	0
D. Dixon, c Bird, b Hamilton	6
G. Hall, b Hamilton	0
G. S. Kwok	0
Extras	4
Total	82

Bowling.

O.	M.	R.	W.
E. W. Hamilton	14	4	9
R. E. O. Bird	7	30	0
Hon. Mr. O. Severn	7	34	1

Craigengower v. Navy.
This friendly match was played at Happy Valley on Saturday. The home team won by 13 runs.

Craigengower.

S. Jex, b Gibson	5
A. Mann, run out	1
B. W. Bradbury, b Gibson	3
J. D. Norris, b Gibson	11
R. Bass, b Gibson	0
R. G. Southerton, b Gibson	0
F. G. Thompson, c Robinson, b Golland	12
R. Peatonji, b Gibson	0
L. A. Rose, c Robinson, b Gibson	17
D. K. Khars, b Gibson	1
F. Schnepel, not out	5
Extras	4
Total	59

Bowling.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Gibson	11	2	31
Jook	4	0	10
Barley	3	2	6
Newman	3	0	6
Golland	1	0	2

Navy.

Comm'd. Gibson not out	23
Asst. Pay. Wild, b Peatonji	1
Asst. Pay. Robinson, b Southerton	1
Petty Officer Newman, b Southerton	0
E. R. A. Ryland, b Peatonji	1
Pte. Cook, b Southerton	0
Sto. Ackrill, b Peatonji	7
Petty O. B. Barclay, b Southerton	0
Sub-Lt. Golland, b Peatonji	0
Lt. Hall, c and b Southerton	5
Asst. Pay. Wright, b Southerton	0
Extras	7
Total	46

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Sto. Ackrill, b Postonji	7
Petty O. Barolay, b Southerton	1
Sub.-Lt. Golland, b Postonji..	0
Lt. Hall, a and b Southerton	5

LOCAL SPORT

(Continued from page 4.)

In the second set, there was not a great deal of fancy play, but practically all hard driving from the back line. At this, both men showed up well, but Kashio was the more accurate, and, successfully defeating Green's efforts at placing, took the lead and kept it. There was ample opportunity for the onlookers to show appreciation of both men, for each did their share of brilliant returns. In the third game, the longest rally of the match took place, and, after what seemed an age of hard driving, Green failed at a rather ordinary ball. Kashio won this set by six games to two, and seemed as fresh after the effort as when he began.

The third set was practically a repetition of the second, for Green again tried to outdo his wily opponent by placing, and failed. There is such a thing as playing so solid a game as to make it almost uninteresting for spectators and though play was not altogether of this type on Sunday, it came perilously near approaching it. George Gray at billiards has perfected one stroke so much that he can repeat it until the onlookers are bored in watching it being done, and one sees the time coming where a man will get so perfect in returning ball after ball that one will sigh for greater variety. But, to give all the credit that is due to Kashio for his win, he played a game that beat the more forceful player.

Later in the afternoon, a doubles match was played between S. E. Green and Ng Sze-kwong, and Kashio and Suganuma, the last-named being considered the best local Japanese player. This was a rather one-sided affair, for Green and his partner outclassed the others, a fact which must be attributed to the weakness of the Hongkong Japanese. The scores were 6-0, 8-6, 6-1 in favour of Green and Ng Sze-kwong.

FOOTBALL

Shropshires v. Navy.

The Shropshires had not such an easy thing on hand in their match with the Navy, played at Happy Valley on Saturday, as they had been led to anticipate from the succession of wins they have had when playing against this team. Although they won on Saturday, they could only put up a score of one goal. A great improvement was seen in the Navy play. They started very well, but soon received a set-back. The Shropshires forward line from the commencement played a very good game indeed. Once this line was thrown back a little, but Williams succeeded in bringing them up again and some very neat passing was seen. Morris, for the soldiers sent in a long shot and Pritchards followed closely. The sun got in Crocker's eyes, and, before he knew where he was, the ball was through the net. This reverse served to spur the Navy on to greater efforts and their determined rushes were very skillful, but the Shropshire men were taking no chances and each enterprise was thrust back in a half-hearted manner. Half-time arrived with the soldiers leading by one goal to nothing. The Navy, on resumption, battled hard for an equaliser, and for some time it took the Shropshires all they knew to keep their end up. Both sides played exceptionally well, and, though the Navy were more ambitious, the soldiers showed themselves better in tactics and in real cleverness. The match finished with the Shropshires one goal and the sailors nil.

R.O.A. v. R.E.

For real exciting interest and keen rivalry, the match between the R.G.A. and the Royal Engineers on Saturday, would take some beating. From the start to the finish, interest never flagged. The sappers had nearly all the play in the first half, and they took full advantage of the fact that Townsend was suffering from a sprained ankle. Scott was given the ball, and, with a terrific shot, he

clammed it into the net. Garrod, of the R.G.A., having no chance whatever of saving. After this, the gunners' defence was given no rest whatever, and the goal was bombarded with shots of a particularly wicked nature, but Garrod proved equal to them all. Youngmen and Halls did their best to transfer the ball to the other end of the field, but they were invariably thrust back. When half time arrived, the sappers were leading by one goal to nil.

The R.G.A. showed marked improvement when the ends were changed, and very largely turned the tables on the sappers. Perhaps they would have done much better if the inside forwards had not been so weak in their shooting. Time was when the R.E.'s broke through, and it was only owing to the fine play of Garrod that no further score was recorded. The culminating point was reached when the R.G.A. broke through for Moran to put them level with the sappers. There was no further scoring. This is the third draw which has taken place between these well-matched teams this season.

Kowloon v. S. C. Athletic.

Kowloon met South China Athletic and showed marked improvement. They harassed their opponents to such an extent that it was close on time before the latter could make any headway. Although the Athletic showed far more enterprise, they invariably got up against a good defence. Jennings, the Kowloon custodian, played a really excellent game. It was very occasionally that Kowloon got through, and when they did their efforts came to naught. When half-time arrived, no score had been made by either side. On resumption, the Chinese, and then Kowloon, got away, the latter nearly notching a point. Almost on time the Athletic snatched a hard-earned victory, scoring one goal to none.

Other Matches.

That between the 88th Company R. G. A. and the R. E. Reserves was a good game. Before the game had been long in progress, a penalty was awarded against Lieut. Hall, who was playing at back for the gunners, for touching the ball with his hands. The kick was taken by Allen, and he succeeded in scoring a goal. When half-time arrived the Engineers were leading by one goal to none. When play was resumed, the R. E.'s soon got going, and Reynolds quickly headed in a fine goal. This reverse had the effect of making the gunners look up, and Mancini shot into the net, this being followed by another shortly after from the foot of Taylor. The result was a draw of two goals each.

It is seldom a team gets so badly beaten as the Lusitano did on Saturday in their match with D. Company, K. S. L. I. Matthews soon got to work for the Shropshires and put in some fine goals, twice beating the Lusitano's custodian. Lloyd scored another before half-time. Plimmer and Stevington, in the second half, registered goals for the soldiers, and E. Hyndham scored the Lusitano's solitary point, the match ending with the Shropshires 5 and the Portuguese 1.

HOCKEY.

The League Table.

The League table, compiled to January 13, is as follows:—

	Goals.	P.W.	D.L.	F.A.	P.
88 Coy. R.G.A.	7	1	1	27	10
Volunteer "A"	6	5	1	0	19
Volunteer "B"	8	5	0	3	25
87 Coy. R.G.A.	8	5	0	3	19
R. E.	7	2	0	5	7
Royal Navy	6	1	0	5	6
83 Coy. R.G.A.	8	0	0	8	0

Stolen Wood.

Early this morning a man was seen leaving a godown on the Praya East with two pieces of wood in his possession. As it was obvious that he was stealing them, chase was given by a fohi, and the man was eventually caught by a lakong. When charged before Mr. J. B. Wood, at the Magistracy this morning, a remand was ordered.

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Results of Recent Examination.

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	marks
Cecilia Maria Noronha	1st 48
Dolores Maria Silva	2nd 45
Ema Maria Danenberg, 2nd	45
Wenceslau Augusto	3rd 44
Noronha	3rd 44
Henricette Maria	3rd 44
Noronha	3rd 44
Guilbermina Maria Noronha	43
Leonardo Jose Silva	42
Sylvia Maria Remedios	39
Maria Luisa Remedios	39
Maximum Marks 50	

Junior Division.

	marks
Maria Adelaide Silva, 1st	38
Iolanthe Remedios, 2nd	37
Joao Carlos Remedios, 3rd	36
Gustavo Octavio Danenberg, 3rd	33
Maximum Marks 40	

Mrs. Noronha, the Principal of the School, desires to express her thanks to the prize donors, Messrs. Leo d'Almada e Castro, E. J. Noronha, Max. A. de Remedios, C. E. da Rosa, A. F. B. Silva Netto and F. P. dos V. Soares; also to Mr. C. de M. C. V. Ribeiro, for conducting the examination and classifying the papers.

MEN'S CLUB.

An Enjoyable Smoking Concert.

A successful smoking concert was held at the Men's Club (Saxmen's Institute) on Friday evening last, some 160 Service men being present. Considerable disappointment was caused at the commencement by the non-arrival of a troupe of Chinese acrobats, which had been engaged for the occasion. However, the gap was ably filled by impromptu turns, and the second part of the programme went with its usual hearty swing.

Considerable pleasure was afforded to all by the presence of the Hon. Mr. Oland Severn (President of the Men's Club), who contributed two clever turns in his own inimitable way. In the course of a short speech delivered during the interval for refreshment, Mr. Severn referred to the good work done by the Men's Club in providing these social evenings during the winter months, and he remarked that they made a fitting sequel to the series of bathing tips, which had taken place during the summer. He paid a tribute to the Committee of the Seamen's Institute for their kindness in having allowed the Men's Club to make use of their spacious building, and to those gentlemen who have contributed towards the running expenses of the winter socials. He also referred to the successful billiards tourna-

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ment, which had been arranged, and said that he hoped that the Men's Club would continue to prosper.

The programme was then proceeded with the performers being Cpl. Armstrong, Cpl. Bittle, Lee, Cpl. Johnson and Pte. Meredith, and a suitable "Finale" was provided by the Baglers' Band, 4th K.S.L.I., in the form of a sketch, in which the following took part:—Privates G. R. Jones, Simpson, Norman, F. H. Jarvis, Wilde, Gregory, Biddle, Braddick, and Povey, the latter of whom deserves special mention for a very clever impersonation of the world-famous Charlie Chaplin.

The National Anthem, and cheers for the performers and officers of the Club, brought an enjoyable evening to a close. The next Social Evening will be given on Wednesday next, at the Seamen's Institute, when the programme will be provided by the Stonecutter's Concert Party. The programme will be commenced at 7 o'clock, and all troops are invited.

TO-DAY'S
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ALLEGED THEFT OF
ANCHORS.

French Ship's Officer Charged.

A most interesting case was commenced before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, a French ship's officer, named M. Baluotia, being charged with stealing two ship's anchors, valued at \$500, belonging to the s.s. Hae in Victoria Harbour, on January 10.

The Hon. O. S. P. (Mr. O. McL. Messer) appeared to prosecute, and in opening the case, said that the s.s. Hae, which belonged to Messrs. Marty and Company, had been lying in the harbour for some time past, arrangements being made for selling her to another firm. On January 10, the captain of the boat reported to the Police that two anchors were missing, and the Captain saw him (Mr. Messer) in his office about it. The Police made enquiries, and the anchors were discovered being taken out of the harbour in a junk. The junk was detained, and the master stated that he had bought them from a marine store dealer at a reasonable price. This was found to be true, and the marine store dealer then showed that he purchased them from a marine hawk to whom they had been sold by the defendant, who was first officer on the s.s. Hae. The marine hawk was found, and he produced a receipt signed by the defendant. The police had that receipt. The only reason why he (Mr. Messer) was prosecuting was because Mr. Thomas, of Marty and Company, had approached the police and asked that the matter might be allowed to drop, as they had got the anchors back. Of course that was a question of compounding a felony, and the police could not be a party to that. Later he was rung up on the telephone and asked if the charge could be withdrawn, the only reason given being that defendant was a white man, and married. If defendant had been a Chinese, they would not have minded prosecuting, and would never have asked if he had been married or not.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing defended, and on defendant being charged by his Worship, he pleaded not guilty.

Mr. E. J. Griet appeared to watch the case on behalf of the marine store dealer.

A remand was asked for by Mr. Otto Kong Sing, and Mr. Messer stated that the Captain of the Hae had not turned up, so that they would have to subpoena him. The manager of Messrs. Marty and Co. was also leaving the Colony to-morrow. The Captain would have to be called.

Some discussion ensued on the question of a hearing day being fixed, Mr. Kong Sing intimating that he might have to instruct Counsel. Eventually it was decided to partly hear the case to-morrow morning, still at 10 o'clock.

On the question of bail Mr. Kong Sing suggested \$500, saying defendant could not possibly leave the Colony.

Mr. Messer:—Oh, yes he can, there are ways and means of doing it especially for a shipping man. Bail was fixed at \$1,000.

Given a Commission.

Mr. J. Stirling, late chief officer of the C. N. Co.'s Shaohing, who went home on leave early in the year, has joined H. M. forces and has received his commission as sub-lieutenant R. N. R. Mr. Stirling is at present stationed on H.M.S. Excellent, Portsmouth, to undergo his training.

SAYINGPUN SCHOOL.

List of Prize-winners.

The Prize-winners for the past year at the Sayingpun School were as follows:—

Class 4.—Fung Hoi-shun, F. S. Lam Young-chi, F. S.; Pun Ping-ohung, F. S.; Kong Kam-chun, F. S.; Chan Yuk-in, F. S.; Cheung Hung-kwan, F. S.

Class 5.—Wong Tai-kwan, F. S.; Chen Chung-chiu, Ho Kam-tung Scholar; Lam Hon-tin, 1st Prize; Lo Hin-kun, 2nd Prize; Un Kwai-yung, 3rd Prize; Au Wing-sik, 4th Prize; Leung Oi-sang, 5th Prize.

Class 6.—Un Kai-chung, F. S.; Li Kwong, Ralphs Scholar. 6a.—Ip Ping-san, 1st; Wong Chung-kwai, 2nd; Leung Hin-ki, 3rd. 6b.—Lau Ming-cheung, 1st; Luk Wai-sang and Hau Hing-wai, 2nd. Class 7.—Tai.—Ling Hung-to, F. S.; Leung Tai-sang, 1st; Chan I-chan and Ip Chan-kwong, 2nd. 7a.—Li Wing-kong, 1st; Tam Wai-hon and Chan Chi-fat, 2nd. 7b.—Li Hon-kun, Chan Man-chen, Lo Hon-chen.

Class 8.—Li Tai-tso, F. S.; Yung Kwong, 1st Prize; Cheung Kam-chun, 2nd Prize; Lam Chung-fan, 3rd Prize; Pong Pui-chong, 4th Prize; Leung Wing-sang and Lai Tat-man, 5th Prize.

Vernacular Prizes.

Class 4.—Fok Lun-yung, 1st; Chau Shiu-ping, 2nd; Fung Hoi-shun, 3rd; Chan King-cheung 4th. Class 5.—Wong Tai-kwan, 1st; Wong Tsang-im, 2nd; Au Kwong-lai, 3rd; Au Wing-sik 4th.

Class 6.—Wong Chung-kwai, 1st; Hau Chuk-ling, 2nd; Li Kwong, 3rd; Chan Chak-yan, 4th. Class 7.—Chan I-chun, 1st; Chan Man-chen, 2nd; Tam Wai-hon, 3rd; Chung Wai-chen 4th.

Class 8.—Kwan Cho-yan, 1st; Chan Wing-chun, 2nd; Li Chung-in, 3rd.

Full Attendance.

Class 4 A.—Tai-kwan, Lo Hing-kuen, Yuen Kwai-yung, Leung Oi-sang, Ho Shiu-shing, Kwong Ming-ching, Tam Chiu-cheung, Wong fun-piu, Ho Pek-Loi, Mak Ki-tin, Lau Im, Lo Shue-yea.

Class 4 B.—Chan Man-kai, Tsang Wan-ching, Lam Hung-lung, Hui Chung-ming.

Class 5 A.—Chan King-hoi, Leung Hin-ki, Ho Man-kwong, Un Kwai-cheung, Hau Chen-ling, Tsang Fuk-yau.

Class 5 B.—None.

Class 6 A.—Ling Hung-tao, Cheng Kang-chi, Tsang Fai-yuen.

Class 6 B.—Chung Wai-chuen, Wong Hing-min, Li Wing-kong, Ng Iu-pun.

Class 7 A.—Wong Ka cheung, Chiu Sze-keung, Fung Lau-fuk, Cheng Kin-cho, Wong Chi-tung, Lo Fuk-kun, Tsang kong-ming.

Class 7 B.—Cheung Kam-chun, Lai Tat-man, Leung Iu-tung.

Class 8 A.—Kwan To-mau, Lau Tang, Chan Suk-ho, Pong put-chong, Sin Tat-he, Wu Fat-tak, Li Chung-lu.

Class 8 B.—Chung-chau, Li Nim-ku.

First Aid Certificates.

Fung Hoi Shun, Wong Cheung-tsun, Lam Young-chi, Ho Tak-ming, Ng Ying-yan, Lau Ching, Ip Yan-cheung, Ho Shau-tang, Ku Tsik-fu, Ng Kwok-toi, Chan Ching-ming, Cheung Kam-tung, Chan Kun-ying, Cheung Wai-tung, Sham Ma-shau, Yeung Yam-u, Mak Im-sum, Tsai In-kan, Chan Yuk-in, Ning Kam-hung, Lau Ying-lin, Tam Sik-ling, Ping Hin-un, Cho Sheung, Fok Lun-hi, Pong Pui-ki, Cheung Hung-kwan, Ling Shiu-ying, Chau Shiu-ping, Leung Shui-sang, Kong Kam-chun, Tam Kwok-ying, Pun Ping-cheung, Lo Shiu-yea, Wong Kai-kui, Chan Kin-tung, Leung Pong-wing, Au Kwong-lai, Un Hok-ching, Fung Tik-i, San Wing-tung, Chan Man-kai, Li So-hung, Wong Hing-tung, Wong Lai-ching, Lo Yuk-kwan, Chan Chung-shiu, Chan Wai-chung, Hui Chung-ming, Lo Moon-fuk, Kwan Lau-hin, Wong Fun-piu, Pun Lun-wing.

Good Conduct Prizes.

4a.—Kwong Ming-ching.

4b.—Hui Chung-ming.

5a.—Chik Yui-po.

5b.—Wong Wing Tong.

6a.—Chan I-kan.

6b.—Leung Wa Kwan.

7a.—Kwong Kwok-fan.

7b.—Ngai Lam-lu.

8a.—Li Tai Cho.

8b.—Li Yun-shan.

8c.—Kwa Chik-Li.

Chess.

Chan To-ming.

Sports.

Au Kwong-lai and Leung Oi-sang.

Special Prize.

A special prize given by Mr. Ho Kam Tong for good conduct and general proficiency went to Wong Tai Kwan.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

His Excellency's Speech at the Prize Day.

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Henry May, K.C.M.G.) presented the awards at the annual prize distribution of Queen's College this morning. On his arrival at the College, his Excellency was met by a guard of honour formed by the members of the Sayingpun Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and by Queen's College members of the Police Reserve Ambulance section. Among those also attending were:—Lady May, the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, Mr. R. Poncebury-Fane, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. O. Wolfe, Mr. E. A. Irving (Director of Education), Mr. E. Ralphs (Inspector of Schools), Mr. Ho Kam-tung and others.

The Headmaster's Report.

The Headmaster (Mr. A. W. Grant) read his annual report, which stated inter alia:—The total number of scholars enrolled during the year ended December 31, 1916, was 808. The average daily attendance was 465—21 less than in the previous year. The highest attendance was during September, 1916, with an average daily attendance of 538, and the lowest in July, with a daily attendance of 372. It is still disappointing that, in spite of continuous warnings in successive years, a more perfect attendance cannot be attained. I would especially desire parents and guardians to arrange for family affairs outside the periods allotted to the half-yearly and annual examinations.

Expenditure in 1916.—Personal emoluments, \$74,494.50; Crown Agents, \$4,236.87; other charges, \$1,485.31; total, \$80,216.68.

Revenue in 1916.—Fees, \$25,892.50; refund of salaries, \$203.18; interest, \$312; sundries, \$13.00; total, \$26,148.78.

Proportion of revenue to expenditure, 32.6/100. Average cost per pupil in average attendance, 116/34.

The fees are \$5.00 per month payable monthly; half free scholars, \$2½; free scholars, nil.

Valuable additions have been made to the physics laboratory, which is now capable of sustaining 20 students effectively at one time. The chemical laboratory is still in abeyance. Many new volumes have been added to the reference library, which is now amalgamated with that of the prefects of the College.

Discipline is satisfactory. Some of the younger generation would do well to remember a little of that old respect to their elders, which I regret to say, is in some cases not so apparent as of yore. The prefects do excellent work in many ways.

The examination of the Full Class I and Classes Full and Commercial II was conducted by the Hongkong University.

Class I. Matriculation.—21 students entered, 19 sat; 9 passed Matriculation, 2 obtained senior certificate, and 8 failed. It was the failure to satisfy the examiners in the English group which mostly led to only a fair result. The weak subjects were: Grammar, 55 per cent; and dictation, 28 per cent. passes. The other results were all excellent; essay 95 per cent; set-book 74 per cent; arithmetic 100 per cent; algebra 83 per cent; geometry 84 per cent; history 89 per cent; physics 83 per cent; and trigonometry 75 per cent.

Class II. Full and Commercial.—83 students entered and 74 sat, just as last year. Of these 25 passed, an improvement on last year, when 17 only passed, but still a disappointment. The weak subjects here were set book 48 per cent, history 35 per cent, and in two classes Classical Chinese, an obligatory subject: F2B 33 per cent and O2A 41 per cent. The results in other subjects were good: Essay 82 per cent, dictation 76 per cent, grammar 64 per cent, geography 60 per cent, arithmetic 68 per cent, algebra 74 per cent, trigonometry 70 per cent, book-keeping 68 per cent. Physics failed badly in F2B with 17 per cent, against 68 per cent of F2A. One outstanding point is that English composition was very well done

indeed, and that grammar and dictation on the whole were well done. In this connection I would emphasize the fact that in Classes I and II Full and Commercial no less than four lessons a week are devoted to translation from Chinese to English and vice versa. As far as I can gather, this occurs only at Queen's College, and the subject is one which does not appear on the syllabus of the Matriculation or Junior Local Examinations held by the Hongkong University. This handicap of the loss of 128 lessons per annum in each class which might otherwise be given to purely English subjects must not be forgotten in considering the results. Translation is a necessary subject to all students who leave Queen's College to adopt any other career save a University one. Distinctions were gained in physics in 3 cases, arithmetic 2 cases, mathematics 2 cases, drawing 2 cases, Biblical knowledge and Urdu 1 each.

In Class III the results were satisfactory in all subjects, save dictation, English literature and arithmetic. Reading, composition, history and geography, book-keeping were good. It is exceptionally difficult to understand why the results in arithmetic should be so poor, considering the time devoted to it.

The results in Classes IV, V, VI, and VII were very good throughout and thoroughly satisfactory.

Total examined throughout School, 383; total passed, 290; percentage of passes, 75. For 1915, the figures were:—Examined, 469; passed, 376; percentage, 80.

Except for the usual plethora of minor ailments, the health of the school has been perfectly satisfactory. It is not the sickness amongst the boys themselves that is the entire trouble. It is also the illness of their fathers, mothers and relations which plays havoc with the boys' attendance and naturally his education. It is not infrequent for a boy to ask the Headmaster to go to Canton for three weeks to visit an ailing relation, even when Canton is now so close by train and telegraph that it seems absurd, they could not go on an urgent call.

It is with the greatest pleasure I have to announce that through the kindness of four old students, the College has benefited to the extent of no less than seven new scholarships. Five of these, of the value of \$25 each for two years, were presented jointly by Messrs. Ho Wing, Ho In and Ho Kwong to classes 5, 6 and 7 under the names of the Ho Wing, Ho In and Ho Kwong, Dealy and Ralphs Scholarships. The other two, of the value of \$50 each for one year, were presented to classes 2 and 5 by Mr. Lee Hy-san, to be called the Lee Hy-san and A. W. Grant Scholarships. In all, Queen's College has now some 47 Scholarships, including the Junior Stewart Scholarship, which the Stewart Trustees (the Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, C.M.G., and Mr. Sin Tak Fan) found it possible to award this year—some or other of which 47 are available for every section of the College.

It is with regret that I have to record the death in action in France of 2nd. Lieutenant E. H. W. Brett, 9th Battalion D.O.I. Lieutenant Brett was educated at Victoria British School, where he was Lugard Scholar, and later at Queen's College. He was universally liked by all who knew him, and our deepest sympathies go with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Coy, Middlesex Regiment, Salonica, France, who were in good health when last heard of.

Among the boys who left during the year to whom certificates of leave were granted, 5 obtained appointments in the Hongkong Government, 2 in the Chinese Government, 28 went into business in the Colony, 13 went abroad for business or study, 5 went to the Hongkong University, whilst 4 left on account of poverty.

I am glad to say that during the year, the College has been most successful in every branch of athletics for which it has entered.

I would add that kidnapping has been very prevalent in the adjoining province and that several of our boys have suffered

one at least having met his death probably through the hardships he had undergone.

The donors to our prize fund are as liberal as ever, and we give them the thanks of their Old College.

His Excellency then presented the awards, a list of which will appear to-morrow.

In addressing the boys, His Excellency said that it always afforded him peculiar pleasure to be at Queen's College, because he reflected that when he came to the Colony, nearly 34 years ago, the first person to offer him hospitality was the old headmaster, Dr. Stewart. He counted himself very fortunate in a Colony, 10,000 miles from his own country, in meeting such a sympathetic man as Dr. Stewart, and he was likewise fortunate in finding one of his own countrymen, Sir James Russell. Those two men comforted him in his home sickness a great deal, for one of an Irishman's characteristics was an intense love of country. Thus it was that it was always a pleasure for him to come to Queen's College and render any service he could. The annual report which had been read by the Headmaster was no doubt satisfactory to the pupils and their parents. On the whole, it was a very satisfactory report, and he was glad to see that what he had said four years ago about sport had borne such good fruit. He was very keen about outdoor recreation, and he thought that he owed the very good health he had had in the Far East to the fact that he had liked exercises. He hoped the College would continue its success in that direction, in which it had already earned such a fine lot of trophies. He had seen the reports of the Inspector of Schools and of the Director of Education, and in dealing with one or two matters mentioned therein he noticed with great satisfaction that in both the upper and lower schools, English composition had been very good. That was a great satisfaction, because they tried to cultivate the teaching of English as far as possible. There was a certain weakness in the upper school generally with regard to Chinese, and that was to be regretted, because they liked Chinese education to go hand-in-hand with English. For work in the Government service, a Chinese boy must have a really sound knowledge of his language, and he hoped they would cultivate Chinese studies assiduously. In mathematics they had shown very satisfactory results in the upper school. As regards the learning of shorthand, he thought that the great difference in the quality of the boys' work was due to some not understanding their English, and because shorthand was such a useful thing to know, he hoped they would improve their English, and thus gain better results. In the upper school there was another weak point, and that was that many boys were there who were not fitted to be there. There was a tendency to give too rapid promotion, and he wanted to speak to the parents and guardians on that matter. If a boy did not get rapid promotion, they thought there was something wrong with the boy and the school, and they threatened to take their boys away. He was going to issue a stringent instruction to the Headmaster, that boys not fit for promotion should not get it, and if parents were not satisfied, they could take their boys away, because they did not want to turn out boys who did not do the school credit. English parents were different, for they understood that it was not the school that was at fault, but that the boys were slow. He hoped the boys would assist the management in persuading their parents not to take them away if they did not climb at an undue rate.

In the lower school, where of course the boys were trained for the upper school, there was a weak point that had been referred to by Mr. Lau Chu-pak in the Legislative Council, and that was in the acquiring of the English language. He (Mr. Lau Chu-pak) thought that was due to defective teaching, and the matter has been referred to a small committee who were going to report on it. They hoped to be able to do something to improve

ELLIS KADOORIE SCHOOL.

Last Year's Prize-Winners.

The winners of prizes for the past year at the Ellis Kadoorie School are as follows:—

Scholarships 1915.

Tai Yau Scholarship.—Lai I-Him (To be held at Queen's College.)

Lau Chu Pak Scholarship.—Chan Hung Ching.
Chan Kai Ming Scholarship.—Shung Sheung Hin.

Scholarships 1916.

Free Scholarships.—Lau Yuk Chi, Tam Pak Fan, Tung Chuek Nam, Chan Lam.

Tai Yau Scholarship.—Ho Wa Sam.

Lau Chu Pak Scholarship.—Lo Ka Him.

Ho Kam Tong Scholarship (Senior).—Lo Cho Lok.

Ho Kam Tong Scholarship (Junior).—Chan Un Chau.

Chan Kai Ming Scholarship.—Li Ho Nang.

Half Fee Scholarships to Queen's College.—Wong Tai Chuek, Teoi Kat.

Prizes (English Classes.)

Class 5a.—1, Chan Ping.

Class 5b.—Kwong Chu Ping.

Free Scholarships to Class 4.

Class 5b.—1, Chan Kai Pun.

Class 6a.—1, Cheng Yuk Lau; 2, Chik Pui Chun.

Class 6b.—Cheung Ping Nam, Free Scholarship to class 5; 1 Kwong Yuet Kwong.

Class 7a.—Pun Shiu Pang, Free Scholarship to class 6; 1 Ko Sik On.

Class 7b.—1, Shun Shu Lam; 2, Chan Cheuk Kwan.

Class 7c.—1, Chan Wai Sheung; 2, Li Fai Nam.

Class 8a.—Young Ying Kan, Free Scholarship to class 7; 1, Lo Yuk Lam.

Class 8b.—1, Chan Pak To; 2, Chung Tung ching.

Class 8c.—1, Chau Chan Kit; 2, Wong Man Keung.

Class 8d.—2, Tsui Ping Wo.

Class 8e.—1, Chan Pak Chau; 2, Leung Chan Wa.

Class 8f.—1, Lau Wan-ki; 2, Lau Ming Fan.

Class 8g.—1, Li Chung Lok; 2, Chan Ting Sheung.

Prizes (Vernacular Classes.)

Class 4.—1, Yik Kai Cheung; 2, Wong Wan Cheung; 3, So Sze Kan.

Class 5.—1, U Chu Wing; 2, Chan Kwong Ting; 3, Tsung Lu Ching.

Class 6.—1, Lai Tak Kwong; 2, Pun Shiu Pang; 3, Wong Kat Lun.

Class 7.—1, Wong Man Keung; 2, Wong Yuk Po; 3, Leung Sik-ki.

Class 8.—1, Pun Ip Hing; 2, Ming To; 3, Lam Tin Lun.

Prizes for Drawing.

1, Li Yuk Kwam; 2, Ng Ping Kwong; 3, Leung Chin Man; 4, Mui Yee Mow; 5, Leung Chan Wa; 6, Chan Fuk Shing; 7, Au Yau Hung; 8, Mok In Nam; 9, Chung Man Tak; 10, Wong Wa Po.

Research Scholarships for Women.

Two scholarships of \$15 each are offered by the Common Cause (the organ of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies) to women who wish to qualify for positions as industrial chemists.

Preference will be given to students willing to study at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, or the School of Technology, Manchester.

that. In arithmetic, the lower school appeared to be weak, and at that he was rather surprised, because in the upper school mathematics was so good. That was a matter for the masters and boys to give their united attention to. With regard to the matters he had mentioned, he hoped to see an improvement next year. His Excellency also made reference to the ambulance section of Queen's College Boys, and spoke of the great generosity of Mr. Ho Kam-tung and others in providing the cost of the equipment and other necessities. In conclusion, he wished all the boys a happy and prosperous New Year. (Applause.)

The customary absence were given and the proceedings terminated.

THE SMALL-POX OUT-
BREAK.

Sixty-seven Deaths Last Week.

The number of small-pox cases does not seem to decrease appreciably, for the Medical Officer of Health's return for the week ending January 13, shows that during the week there were 94 cases notified. Of these, 71 occurred in Victoria and 23 in Kowloon and other districts. Two sufferers were British and all the rest Chinese, six cases being imported. The mortality in these cases was 67.

There were four cases of enteric fever during the week, and all the infected persons have died. Death followed in each case. A fatal case of diphtheria occurred among the Chinese, and a non-fatal case of scarlet fever among the Portuguese.

A RED-TAPE STORY.

Where was the Screw Loose?

One afternoon a screw was found on the floor of a temporary Government office, which was under military administration. It was found by a lady clerk, who reported the fact to the corporal. The corporal began to investigate, and realised that the screw had fallen from a shelf support, resulting in the insecurity of the shelf.

He proceeded to move a number of books from the shelf on to a table, and, having gone so far as a self-respecting corporal could go, the matter was reported to a Staff sergeant. The Staff sergeant was in charge of the work of the office, but not in charge of the fixtures, so the sergeant-major had to be informed, and the recalcitrant screw was duly reported to him.

The sergeant-major was a man of many parts, whose strong point was the economy of public money. He acknowledged the receipt of the report and went in person to see if the screw actually did fit the hole from which it had apparently fallen, as was alleged in the report. He found the size of the screw to coincide with the hole and was satisfied that the shelf needed repairing.

A requisition for Royal Engineer's services was rendered on Army Form H. 1306, duly signed by the colonel, upon which form an escape of gas in an officer's room was also notified. The Engineer's clerk replied:

"The escape of gas should be notified on a separate A.F.H. 1306, please."

Another form was filled in, signed, and sent. Two days later the Royal Engineers wrote again:—

"Will you kindly state hereon whether the fall of the screw is attributable to carelessness or fair wear and tear, please."

The colonel replied stating that in his opinion the screw was dislodged by fair wear and tear, and the fall was doubtless accelerated by the detonation of bombs recently dropped in the district from hostile aircraft.

The Royal Engineers quantity surveyor called next day to "measure up the job," and two days later the shell was restored to its former security. —*Pall Mall Gazette.*

TO-DAY'S
ADVERTISEMENT.

PEAK TRAMWAYS CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

From 1st February till further notice the following changes will be made in the Company's Time Table.

SUNDAYS.

From 5 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. every quarter of an hour instead of every ten minutes.
From 6.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. every ten minutes instead of every quarter of an hour.

8 DAYS & WEEK-DAYS.
The 8.15 p.m. car will be discontinued.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

SUNDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

THE PEACE PROPOSALS.

London, January 12.

The "New York Herald" says that the Allies reply to President Wilson is a new Declaration of Independence on behalf of civilisation.

The "New York Times" says that if Germany has the effrontery to say the terms are unjust, the judgment of the whole world will be against her, and that it is for Germany to say whether peace will be now. If she continues to fight, defeat is inevitable and the final terms will be harder.

The "New York World" says that unless Germany is willing to follow the example of the Allies and state her war aims and peace terms, she can have no standing before the tribunal of popular opinion.

The pro-German "New York American" says that if the Allies insist on their demands there will be no peace until one side conquers or both are exhausted.

Amsterdam, January 12.

The German Note to neutrals reiterates that Germany took up arms to defend her existence, and says that this aim has now been attained. The Germans allege that the Allies have departed more and more from their original expressed aims, which are, (they affirm) now directed towards conquest. They complain that the Allies have not examined Germany's peace offer and have not made counter-proposals. They make a series of allegations against the Allies, referring to Ireland, South Africa and Greece, accuse the Allies of breaking treaties, ill-treating prisoners in Africa and Russia and of deporting civilians. They endeavour to throw the responsibility of the fate of Belgium on Britain, France and on Belgium herself and protest against the accusation of German atrocities in Belgium, which they declare to be "calumnies."

London, January 13.

The "Daily Chronicle" comments on the significant absence of any British demand in the Allies' reply. This self-effacement, in view of the conquered German colonies, is bound to impress public opinion in the United States, as it proves that we entered the war simply because of an overwhelming sense of duty. The journal also reminds Americans of British disinterestedness in relinquishing Cuba and of our action in granting autonomy to the Boers.

The "Daily News" says that nothing could be better for the Allies than that neutrals should be able to compare the Entente's and Germany's Notes simultaneously. The next diplomatic step is doubtful, but it is already a material advance to have approached within reasonable distance of negotiation.

Amsterdam, January 13.

The Kaiser in a Proclamation to the German people says:—

"Our enemies have dropped their mask after refusing, with scorn and hypocritical professions of love of humanity, our honest peace offer."

"They are now replying to the United States and have admitted their lust of conquest, the baseness of which is enhanced by their calumnies. They aim at crushing Germany and at the enslavement of Europe and the seas under the same yoke that Greece, with gnashing of teeth, is now enduring."

The Proclamation goes on to declare that "our glorious victories and the iron will with which the Germans have borne hardships and distress in this unscrupulous economic war, guarantee that the beloved Fatherland has nothing to fear. Burning indignation and holy wrath will redouble every German's strength, and God will give full victory over the enemy's rage for destruction."

London, January 13.

Reuter authoritatively issues a statement which may be regarded as expressing the views of the Allies on the German Note.

It again emphasises that it was Germany who refused a conference in the critical days of July, 1914.

With reference to Germany's allusions to Ireland and South Africa, it says that whatever the past differences in connection with these countries, Germany knows to her cost that they are now united with the rest of the Empire in repelling Germany's aggression.

Replying to the German assertion that our starvation policy is inhuman, the statement asks if Germany was of the same opinion in 1870 when she starved Paris.

Regarding the attempted defence of her overrunning of Belgium, the statement reminds Germany that Dr. Bethmann-Hollweg in the Reichstag stated that the invasion was justified by military necessity.

FURTHER BRITISH SUCCESS IN EGYPT.

Paris, January 12.

The British have captured in twelve hours the strong position of Rafa, by which the Turks are now cleared out of Sinai.

In a masterly surprise attack, Anzac mounted troops covered thirty miles of difficult ground in twelve hours in the darkness.

The enemy consisted of Turkish regulars.

WIRELESS GERMAN "NEWS."

London, January 12.

A wireless German official report states that the English twice vainly attacked north of the Ancre. Our counter-attack, north of Beaumont, thrust them back from positions gained. We took fifty prisoners and stormed several positions on both sides of Vitruv Road, capturing booty and prisoners.

We pushed back the Russians between Braila and Galatz towards the Sereth and captured Laburta. Armed enemy vessels attempted on the night of Jan. 10-11 to pass Iescova. We sank one of the vessels while the other went aground.

The enemy fruitlessly attacked the Austro-Bulgarians behind Cerrva, south of Lake Ochrida.

THE GERMAN PLOTS IN AMERICA.

San Francisco, January 12.

The chief witness in the trial mentioned yesterday was an informer named Louis Smith, whom the German military attaché, von Brincken, engaged at a salary of \$200 monthly and expenses with a bonus of \$200 for every munition ship, etc., blown up. Smith placed pieces of wood in the ships instead of bombs and bluffed von Brincken for months. He then confessed, fearing revenge.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

DEATH OF LORD BIRNING.

London, January 12.

The death has occurred of Lord Birning, at the age of 61. He commanded the Lothian and Border Horse since 1906 and in addition was Lord Lieutenant of Co. Berwick, Deputy Governor of the Bank of Scotland and Deputy Lieutenant of Co. Haddington. He joined the Royal Horse Guards in 1890, serving in the Egyptian Campaign, the Nile Expedition and the Hazara Campaign being mentioned in despatches. He commanded the Royal Horse Guards and retired in 1907 after being A.D.C. to the Viceroy of India from 1899 to 1903.

A RUSH FOR THE WAR LOAN.

London, January 12.

Applications for the War Loan are pouring in from all classes. There have been many big applications by banks, insurance companies, and municipalities. It is stated that the first hundred million was reached at an early hour.

ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

London, January 12.

Field Marshal Haig reports that the prisoners north of the Ancre now number 204 and that we entered enemy trenches at two points north of Arras and took prisoners.

London, January 13.

A German official report, received by wireless, says:—

"We sanguinarily repulsed the majority of the British attacks against Serre. The enemy occupied an advanced post."

London, January 14.

Field Marshal Haig reports that the enemy broke into one of our posts north-west of Serre, but were immediately driven out.

We also drove out a raiding party to the west of Vimy and successfully carried out a minor enterprise westward of Wytschaete.

Paris, January 14.

A communique says: The day has been quiet over the whole front, with an intermittent cannonade in Belgium, south of the Somme, in Lorraine and the Vosges.

ITALIAN BATTLESHIP SUNK.

Rome, January 13.

It is officially announced that the battleship Regina Margherita struck two mines in the open sea on the night of Jan. 11-12 and sank in a few minutes.

Two hundred and seventy were saved with much difficulty out of a complement of 943.

The missing include the captain and fourteen officers.

INTER-ALLIED GENERAL STAFF PROPOSED.

Paris, January 13.

A Parliamentary group, in favour of national action, have resolved on the urging of the appointment of an Inter-Allied General Staff to advise the Governments in the direction of the war; the appointment of a Commander-in-Chief by common consent, assisted by an Inter-Allied Staff, who if necessary, could amalgamate the different troops.

THE SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN.

London, January 13.

The latest vessels sunk are: Excellent (British) and Tugborg (Danish).

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES SECURING FLOUR.

London, January 13.

It is announced in Manchester that the English and Scottish Co-operative Wholesale Societies have bought 10,000 acres of cultivated land in Saskatchewan to supply wheat for the co-operative flour mills in Manchester, Glasgow, Newcastle, Bristol and London in 1917, and they have also largely purchased land in India and Ceylon.

THE MAN POWER QUESTION.

London, January 13.

"The Times" says that as the result of a Ministerial conference on Man Power at Downing Street yesterday, it is expected that the previous ruling that all eligibles under twenty-six are to be called out, will shortly be extended to men under thirty-one years of age.

A SHIPOWNER'S FORTUNE.

London, January 13.

Sir Charles Cayzer, Admiral Jellicoe's father-in-law, left £1,500,125.

(Sir Charles Cayzer, who died recently, was the head of the Clan Line of steamers.)

PARLIAMENTARY REFORM FORESHADOWED.

London, January 13.

The Master of Balliol, addressing the Historical Association, said he understood that a proposal would soon be made public for developing the present Parliament to an Imperial House of Lords, including nominated Indians, and for a new House of Commons including elected Britons and representatives of the Dominions, in addition to a special British Parliament or several British Parliaments.

A FALSE GERMAN ANNOUNCEMENT.

London, January 13.

A German wireless message reports that a British cruiser of the Juno type has been destroyed by a direct hit. Reuter's correspondent at Portmoy reports that the British Admiralty states that no British cruiser has been sunk. The wireless report presumably refers to the loss of the sea-plane carrier Ben-my-chree at Kaseloria.

HONGKONG SHARE REPORT.

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PEAK TRAMWAY CO. LIMITED.

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